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DEPARTMENT FOR ARA/CAR HENDERSON

H PASS TO SENATOR HARRISON A. WILLIAMS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EGEN, JM
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: IRAN SUGAR DEAL

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR SENATOR WILLIAMS:

AMBASSADOR GERARD LEFT JAMAICA JUST BEFORE YOUR LETTER
OF MAY 4 ARRIVED. I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF RESPONDING ON HIS
BEHALF.

YOU WROTE WITH RESPECT TO A COMPLAINT BY ONE OF YOUR
CONSTITUENTS, MR. STANLEY H. COOPER OF MCADAM PROPERTIES,
INC. WHO IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT
OF JAMAICA.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE ISSUE IN WHICH MR. COOPER IS
INVOLVED IS ONE OF THE MOST POLITICALLY SENSITIVE MATTERS
IN JAMAICA TODAY. THE NEGOTIATION BY MCADAM
PROPERTIES INVOLVES A LARGE, AND AS YET UNFULFILLED,
CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF SUGAR FROM JAMAICA TO IRAN.
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SINCE THE SALE BEGAN TO BREAK DOWN MANY MONTHS AGO,
THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF PAY-OFFS
AND CORRUPT PRACTICES INVOLVING SOME OF THE PRINCIPALS
IN THE TRANSACTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA
HAS COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM AND PRESSURE
OVER THE PAYMENTS MADE TO MCADAM PROPERTIES.

IN SEPTEMBER 1975 THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA TAX COMMISSIONER IMPOSED A 25 PERCENT TAX ON THE PROFITS OF MCADAM PROPERTIES. AS IS NOTED BY MR. COOPER, THIS ROUGHLY APPROXIMATES THE REMAINING BALANCE OWED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA TO MCADAM PROPERTIES AND THESE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN FROZEN. THE TAX RULING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED TO THE REVENUE COURT WHICH SET ASIDE THE APPEAL. WE UNDERSTAND A FURTHER APPEAL IS NOW BEING MADE TO THE JAMAICA COURT OF APPEALS.

PENDING LEGAL RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER, THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE CASE HERE AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

I REGRET WE CAN NOT BE MORE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,

JOHN C. DORRANCE
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I.

END QUOTE

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